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Dear Ashley,

I wanted to extend to you a personal gesture of appreciation for assisting me in a most frustrating situation.

There are moments in life when someone's kindness makes the difference. In my moment, that someone was you!!! I don't know if it was you being the consummate professional or you being compassionate to a tortured soul. All that matters is that you were kind and I will always, always be grateful!

Your kindness
really made a difference...
Your thoughtfulness
really touched my heart...
The gratitude I feel
really can't be
put into words.

Yours Very Truly,
Nichole R Marten



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October 3, 2013

**Nichole R. Martin
1553 West Asher Street
Chicago, IL 60643**

Dear Ms. Martin:

Thank you so much for the card you sent – and also the gift card. Your kind words and thoughts will not soon be forgotten; however, as discussed, I am required to return the gift in order to comply with the City employee ethics code.

I deeply appreciate your generosity, and look forward to helping you should the need ever arise again.

With warm thanks,

Ashley C. Kosztya

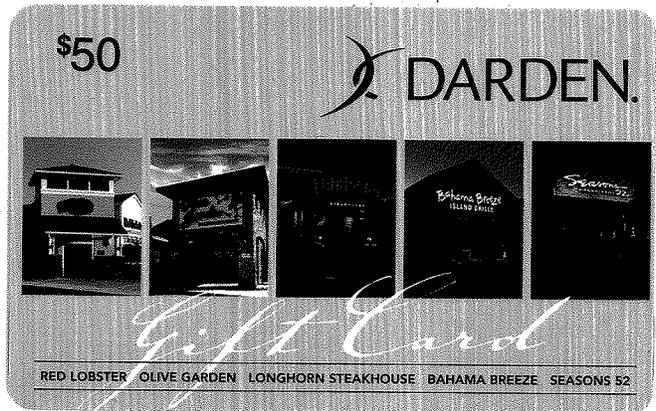
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encl: Gift Card

cc: Stephen R. Patton, Leslie Darling, Natalie M. Frank, Stephanie Uhlarik

It's probably against some ethical rules to actually take you to lunch but whatever! Here is lunch/dinner on me!! Enjoy!!!



Nichole R. Martin
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From: Kosztya, Ashley

Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 4:57 PM

To: Frank, Natalie; Uhlarik, Stephanie

Cc: Darling, Leslie

Subject: Fyi - I returned a gift card that was sent to me due to my awesomeness

Hello Everyone:

I wrote a letter today to a woman named Nichole Martin and returned the \$50.00 gift card she sent me here at work. Attached please find (1) a copy of the card she sent me; (2) the letter I sent to her; and (3) a copy of the gift card with the little note she attached to it.

I will forward this email to the appropriate person at the Board of Ethics.

Thanks,

Ashley

Ashley C. Kosztya

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